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# Autoimmune Connective Tissue Disease

## ① ~: Lupus Erythematosus ~

### classification:

#### ① Chronic Cutaneous LE CLE

↳ chronic - Benign - No systemic

##### 1- Discoid LE (DLE)

- Localized (head - neck)
- widespread - Disseminated
- Hypertrophic

##### 2- Lupus Erythematosus Tumidus (LET)

##### 3- Lupus panniculitis

##### 4- chilblain Lupus

\* -ve Serology except :-

+ve ANAs Low titres

\* > Female

\* ↑HLA-B7 ↑-B8

#### ② Subacute Cutaneous SCL

##### 1- photosensitive - Non scarring

← annular  
polycyclic  
psoriasiform

##### 2- mild Systemic 50%

mainly arthritis, rarely Renal

##### 3- neonatal LE

##### 4- C2 deficiency LE

\* +ve Serology → +ve anti-RO 70%  
+ve anti-La

\* -ve antiDNA, anti-Sm - anti-RNP

\* > Female

\* ↑HLA-B8 ↑HLA-DR3

#### ③ Acute Cutaneous SLE

##### 1. Specific Skin lesion

##### 2- Sever multisystem & Renal

\* +ve anti nDNA, anti-Sm

\* +ve ANAs

\* > Female

\* Low Complement

#### ④ Mixed Connective Tissue MCTD

##### ⑤ Drug Induced

+ve n RNP antibodies

+ve anti-Histone antibodies



# **Chronic Cutaneous LE**

## **① Epidemiology:**

\* **Age**: any age  
20-40  
7 Female

↑ HLA B7-138

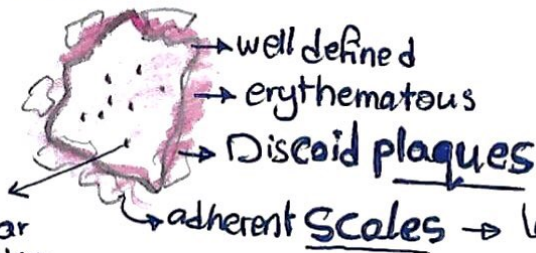
\* **PE**:

- Trauma
- Infection
- Stress
- Sun Burn
- Drugs (griseofulvin)

\* **Exacerbating F**:

- Sunlight 70%
- Cold
- pre-menstrual

## **② Clinical:**



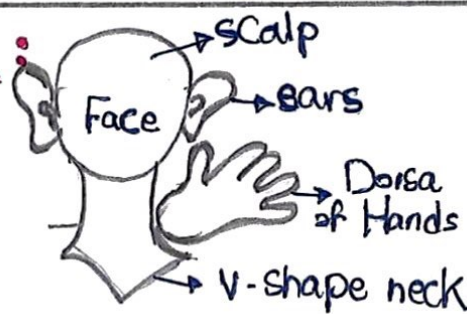
Follicular plugging

\* **Healing**:-



Thin - white  
atrophic  
Non-Contractile  
Scar

\* **Site**:

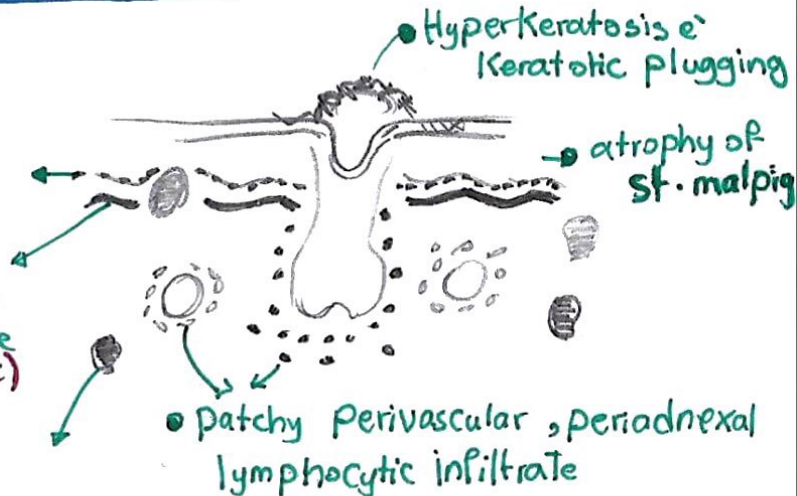


lobulated plugs & Dilated pilosebaceous canal  
"Carpet tack" sign  
slight Rise  
Hyperpigmented Border

**① Discoid Lupus Erythematosus** → 5% of DLE → SLE

## **③ Histopathology:**

- Hydropic Degeneration of Basal Cells
- Thickening of Basement membrane (Diagnostic)



- Edema
- Vasodilatation
- extravasation of Erythrocytes in upper dermis
- Pigmentary incontinence
- Colloid Bodies

## بجملية 5 diseases e Patchy Dermal Infiltrate:

### ① Lymphocytic Lymphoma

- Atypical lymphocytes
- tightly packed
- Interstitial distribution "Indian Piling"
- Not surrounding pilosebaceous unit

### ② Lymphocytoma Cutis:

- heavier infiltrate
- separated from Epidermis by narrow Grenz Zone of normal collagen
- may be interstitial distribution
- large paler lymphocytes arranged in lymphoid follicles

### ③ lymphocytic infiltration of Jessner:-

- perivascular - peri-appendageal patchy lymphocytic infiltrate
- No follicular arrangement

### ④ polymorphous light Eruption: plaque

- prominent Band of papillary Dermal edema
- infiltrate more intense in superficial

## بجملية Causes of Hydropic Degeneration of Basal Cells:

1. LE
2. LP
3. Dermatomyositis
4. Poikiloderma Vasculare atrophicans (PVA)
5. Erythema dyschromicum perstans
6. lichen sclerosus et atrophicus

## بجملية Causes of Pigmentary Incontinence:

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- + Fixed Drug Eruption FDE
- Incontinentia pigmenti

## where to find Colloid Bodies: what is

1. LP
2. Poikiloderma
3. FDE
4. lichenoid Keratosis
5. GVHD

Dermatosis e  
Damage to  
Basilar  
Keratinocytes

- large - Apoptotic - Keratinocytes
- Round - ovoid - Homogenous Eosinophilic structure





#### ④ Clinical Varieties:

- 1- Localized :- head + neck
- 2- Generalized - Disseminated :-  
above + Below neck
- 3- Hypertrophic (verrucous) :-
  - Non-pruritic
  - papulo-nodular lesion
  - arm - hand - nose - ears
- 4 - palmoplantar erosive .
- 5 - papular :-
  - pruritic
  - umblicated papules
  - on the Back
  - Result: acneform Hypertrophic follicular Scars
- 6 - Rosacea-like :-
  - Easy Flushing
  - Diffuse erythema
  - Reddish nodules
  - No pustules
  - nose - cheek - forehead - chin
- 7 - Annular Atrophic
- 8 - Telangiectatic
  - persistent Reticulate Telangiectasia
- 9 - LE gyratum Repens:
  - migratory gyrate annular Erythema

#### \* what is Rowel's Syndrome ?

- any ptn e DLE or SLE may Develop Erythema multiforme-like lesions
- on Face - neck - chest
- Lasting → Few Days

#### ⑤ DIF:

- Diffuse irregular Band of IgG - C3 [Lupus Band] at DermoEpidermal junction DEJ Below Lamina Densa in involved skin (90%)
- Not in uninvolved skin

#### ⑥ Labs:

- 1/4 e + ANA (Low ttr)
- 5-10% e DLE may Develop SLE

## ② lupus panniculitis

lesion

- Firm - Asymptomatic - SC nodules
- in DLE + SLE
- normal overlying skin
- healing: Cup shape depression

site

- Face • Breast • Buttocks • thigh
- upper arm • upper trunk



HP

- majority in subcut. tissue
- predominantly Lobular lymphohistiocytic panniculitis
- Vessel wall → Thickening
- perivascular inflammatory infiltrate
- although all these → Lupus panniculitis Don't Represent True Vasculitis

DIF

- immunoreactant around Dermal Vessels
- S.C Fat → Difficult to examine By DIF

## ③ lupus Tumidus

- Induration + Erythema
- NO Scale or Follicular plugging
- lesion tends to resolve without Scarring or atrophy

- Face most common, may be Trunk

• DD:

- 1- viticarial plaques in lupus ptns, But in tumidus are fixed
- 2- Jerson's lymphocytic infiltrate: Very closely Related or one and the same

- Epidermis → uninvolved
- intense Dermal inflammatory infiltrate
- Marked deposition of Mucin

Non specific finding Dt Low prevalence of immunoglobulin deposition within the Cut. finding

## ④ chilblain lupus 5

- Red - Dusky - purple papules + plaques

- Toes - fingers • nose - elbows
- Knees - Lower legs



- exacerbated By: moist Cold climates
- the lesion Represents: Concurrence of ordinary chilblains & lupus
- with Time: The lesion may develop gross or microscopic



# Subacute Cutaneous LE

→ Persistent & intermittent flares  
OR  
50% will meet criteria of SLE

## ① Epidemiology:

> Female  
↑ HLA-B8  
HLA-DR3

## ② Clinical:

### 1- prominent photosensitive Cut. lesions

- non-scarring
- papulosquamous OR Annular
- polycyclic lesion
- site: above the waist
- heal: grey
- white Hyperpigmentation
- Diffuse Non-scarring Alopecia
- photosensitivity  
50% of pt

### 2- Mild Systemic lesion

- 50% criteria of SLE
- Mainly: Arthritis
- Rare: Renal
- May occur: Interstitial Lung disease

## ③ Histopathology:

Hyperkeratosis  
(less prominent)

Inflammatory infiltrate  
(less prominent)

Edema of upper dermis > DLE

→ small Follicular plugging

→ Hydropic Degeneration of Basal Cell Layer.

## ④ Serology:

- 1- lupus Band test → +ve in 60% of lesions  
25% of normal skin
- 2- FANA → Homogenous type 60-80% of pt
- 3- Anti-nDNA, Anti-Sm, Anti-nRNA  
AntiCardiolipin antibodies → Rare
- 4- Anti-RO antibodies → 80%  
Anti-La antibodies → 30%

## ⑤ Drug-induced SCLE:

Thiazides (mostly) • D-penicillamin • Diltiazem  
Sulfonylureas • Aldacton • Naproxen • Griseofulvin

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# Acute Cutaneous LE

## Systemic lupus erythematosus SLE

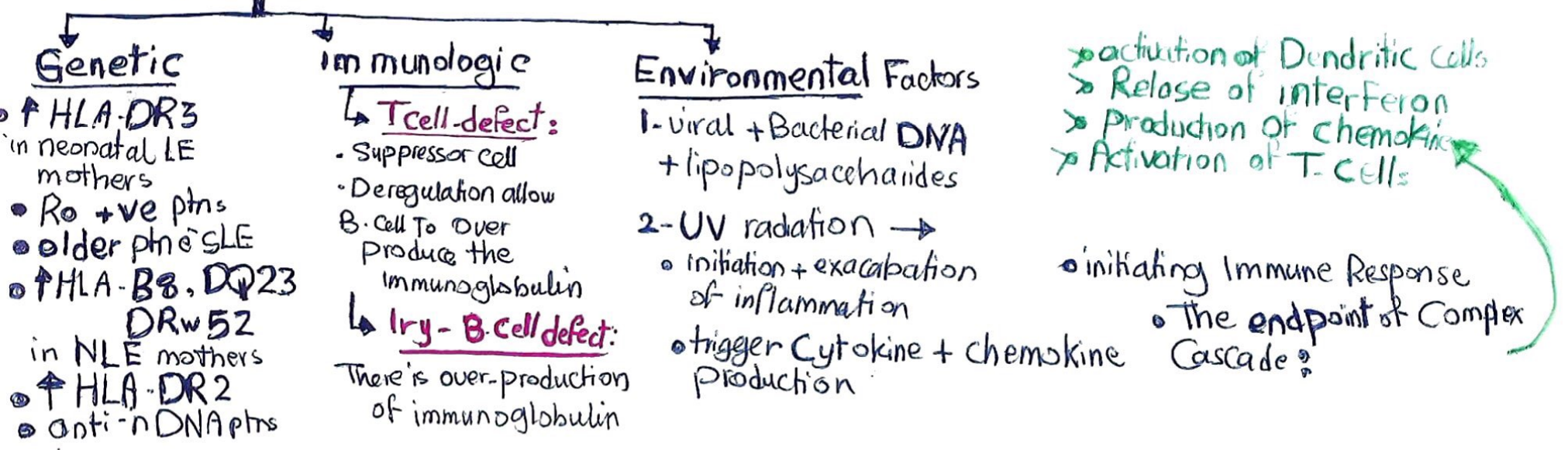
### ① Epidemiology:

- 20 - 40
- > Female
- African American women:
  - 4 folds >
  - High frequency of nephritis, pneumonitis, Discoid lesions
- Lower frequency of photosensitivity
- earlier age
- Higher mortality Rate

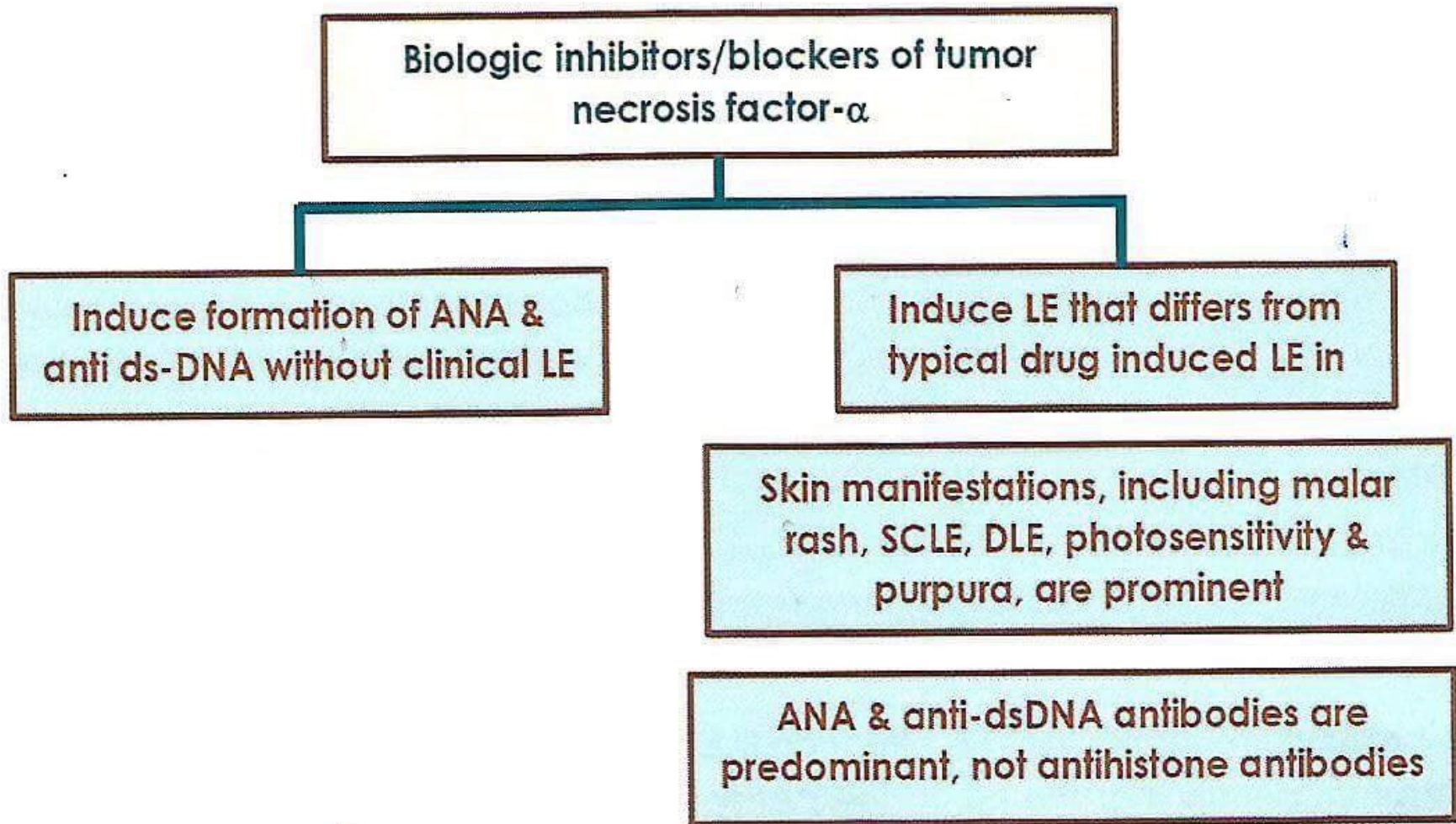
### ③ Histopathology of Cutaneous manifestations:

- 1- Hydropic Degeneration of Basal cells
  - 2- edema
  - 3- extravasation of RBCs in upper Dermis
  - 4- Fibrinoid Degeneration of CT of Dermis + wall of Blood vessels
  - 5- Focal Mucoid Degeneration
  - 6- lymphocytic infiltrate in subcutaneous Fat
- ★ Hematoxylin Bodies: only on Autopsy

### ② Pathogenesis:







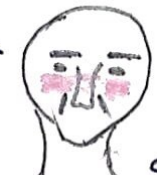
	Drug-induced SLE	Drug-induced SCLE
<b>Skin lesions</b>	Rare	SCLE or gyrate erythema
<b>Serositis</b>	Common	Occasional
<b>Serology</b>	Anti-histone Abs	Anti-Ro Abs
<b>Drug</b>	Hydralazine, procainamide, chlorpromazine, INH, quinidine, practolol, d-penicillamine, PUVA, minocycline.	Hydrochlorothiazide, terbinafine, diltiazem, ACEI, NSAIDs, griseofulvin, antihistamines, IFN, PUVA, TNF- $\alpha$ .




### ③ Cutaneous Manifestations:

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#### Specific Skin lesion

1.  Facial "Malar" Erythema  
Resolve without scar  
over malar eminences  
Spare Nasolabial Folds

2.  Erythema on V-shape  
of Neck - Back of Hands  
Shoulders  
extensors of arms

3. photosensitivity Dermatitis

4. Bullous lesions:

• Bullous eruption  
of SLE

• D.f → separation  
of DEJ

• D.f → antibodies  
to Type VII collagen

• clinically Resemble:

• BP • EBA

• Histopathology Resemble:

EBA  
DH  
BP

• Bullous or Crusted lesion

• Result of intensity of Basal  
Cell Damage

• in lesion of ACLE  
SCLE

→ Vascular lesion (50-70%) → indicate Circulating immune complex  
Disease

- 1- Perioral Telangiectasia
- 2- Dermal vasculitis
- 3- Thrombophlebitis
- 4- Raynaud's phenomenon

→ Alopecia 40-60%:

→ Frontal

→ short Broken-off Hairs "Lupus Hair"

→ OR Diffuse Non-Scarring

→ Calcinosis  
Cutis  
Rare

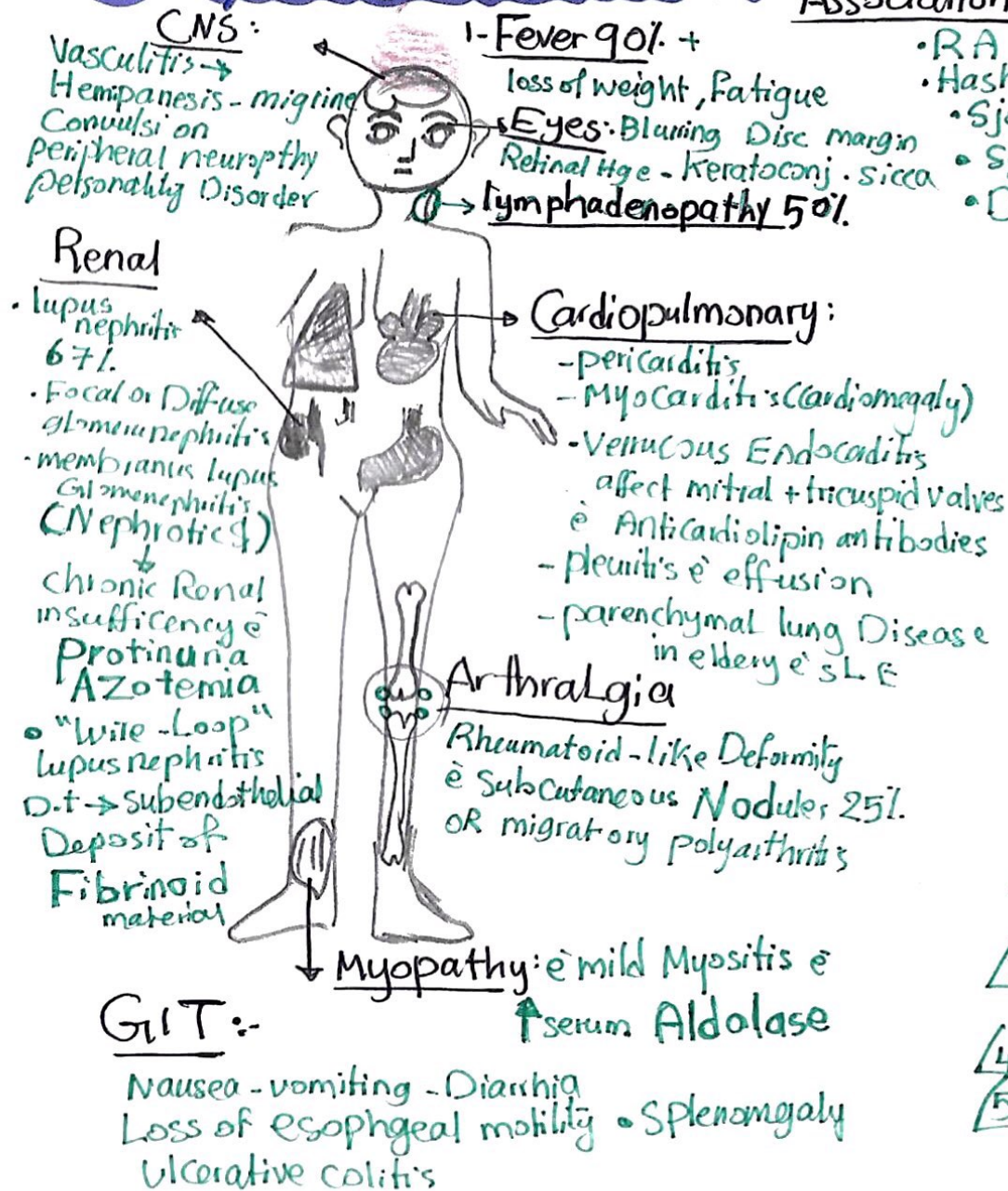
→ Mucous Membrane:

- Hge • erosions
- shallow ulceration • gingivitis
- Erythema • petechiae
- Erosions in hard palate

→ Pigmentary Abnormalities  
Sclerodactyly - Urticaria



## ④ Systemic manifestations: <sup>Other Associations</sup>



- RA
- Hashimoto thyroiditis
- Sjogren's Syndrome
- Systemic scleroderma
- Dermatomyositis

## ⑤ SLE & pregnancy:

- pregnancy has No effect on SLE
- Risk of intrauterine Death ↑↑ & anticardiolipin antibodies

## ⑥ Drug-induced lupus:

### ① Hydralazine - procainamide - Isoniazide

- Produce LE-like manifestation
- rare Cutaneous or Renal manifestation
- Serology → -ve anti-nDNA Abs
- +ve ANA, anti-histone Abs
- withdrawal → all Disappear

### ② D-penicillamine:

Differ in frequent of Cut, Renal manifest, anti-nDNA

### ③ Hydrochlorothiazide: - SLE-like

- anti-RO Abs

### ④ Minocycline:

### ⑤ Biologic inhibitors / Blockers of TNF-α

Etanercept · Infliximab



## ⑦ Lab Finding:

1- Urine: Proteinuria, Cellular Casts, RBCs

2- Blood:

- Hemolytic anemia
- leukopenia
- lymphopenia
- Thrombocytopenia
- Circulating anticoagulants
- lupus anticoagulants

3- ESR: ↑↑

- +ve Comb's test
- Serum gammaglobulin ↑
- RF → may present

4- False +ve Wassermann Reaction: > 6 months

5- Serum Complement:

Low level = Disease Activity

6- LE Cell test:


- specific Not Very sensitive
- anti-nucleohistone → Cause in vitro lysis of nuclear material → easy phagocytosed By neutrophils

→ LE cell is a neutrophil which ingested

Basophilic homogenous nuclear material From another leucocyte

Neutrophil form Rosette appearance around Degenerated nuclear material

## 7- Direct IF (Lupus Band test) 10

 Antibody deposition at DEJ + around Hair Follicles

- These Deposits are **Granular**
- Composed of → IgG
- IgM

• Complement protein Deposition

• in SLE → Granular deposit in Epidermis  
D+ anti-Ro autoantibodies deposit Directly within the skin

• +ve in 90% of Involved skin in DLE

• +ve in 78% of Uninvolved skin

In SLE  
→ 78% of Sun exposed  
→ 55% Sun unexposed

• Uninvolved skin of Sun exposed → Diagnostic to Differentiate SLE from DLE

• Uninvolved skin Sun unexposed skin → Prognostic purpose → to find the Correlation Between lupus Band in uninvolved sun protected skin and severity of Renal affection



## 8 - Fluorescent ANA test : FANA

- +ve in 80%
- Not Diagnostic of CTD
  - ↓ may seen also in
    - Old individuals
    - pregnancy
    - other autoimmune Disease

• its Screening

Test → to Rule-in  
Rule out LE

- Using MOUSE liver → Substrate

2 Types of assays:

• IIF → use Hep-2  
epithelial Carcinoma  
Cells as substrate

• ELISA → (cast  
more popular)

- 5 patterns of ANA:

ANA	Antigen	Diagnosis	prognosis
① peripheral	ndNA	SLE	poor
② Homogenous	Histone ndNA	Drug-induced LE SLE	Good poor
③ Nucleolar Centromere	Nuclear RNA kinetochore	pss, SLE CREST	poor Good
④ Speckled	ENA SM RNP	SLE MCTD	poor Good

- ANA titer: indicate Amount of serum Abs

→ the higher the titer → the more significant  
The test

→ Low titer → seen in healthy individuals

→ ANA -ve SLE → **Rare**

→ present in
 

- photosensitivity
- SLE lesions
- anti-Ro +ve

→ ANA titre

< 160 → little clinical utility

### ★ Serological markers ★

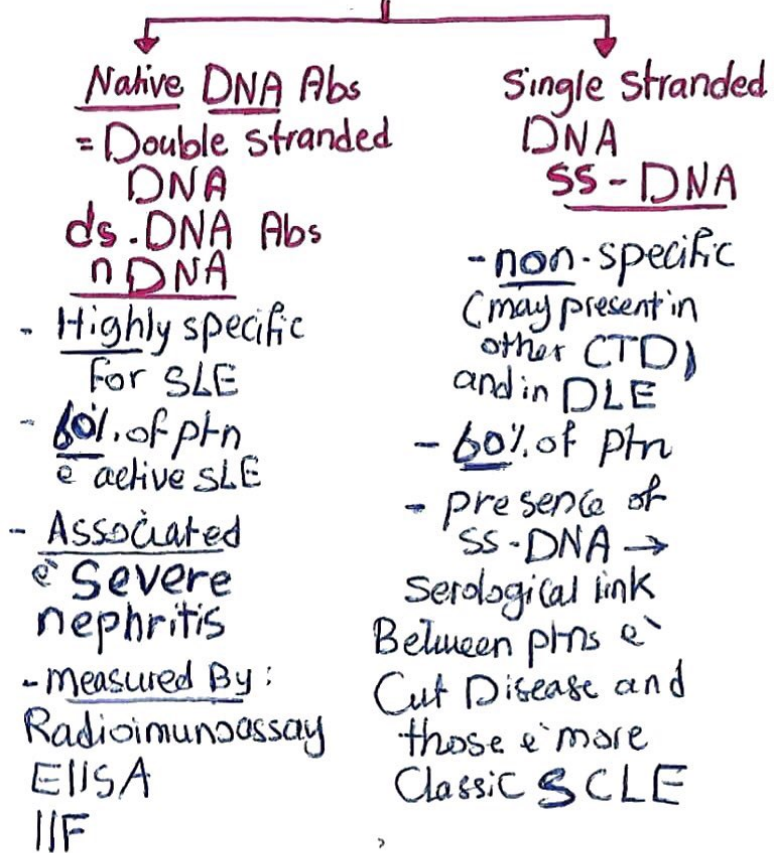
- Abs against Nuclear  
Constituents:

- DNA  
- Sn-RNP  
- Sm  
- nRNP  
- La (ss-B)

- Abs against Cytoplasmic  
Constituents:

- Scl RNP  
- Ro (ss-A)

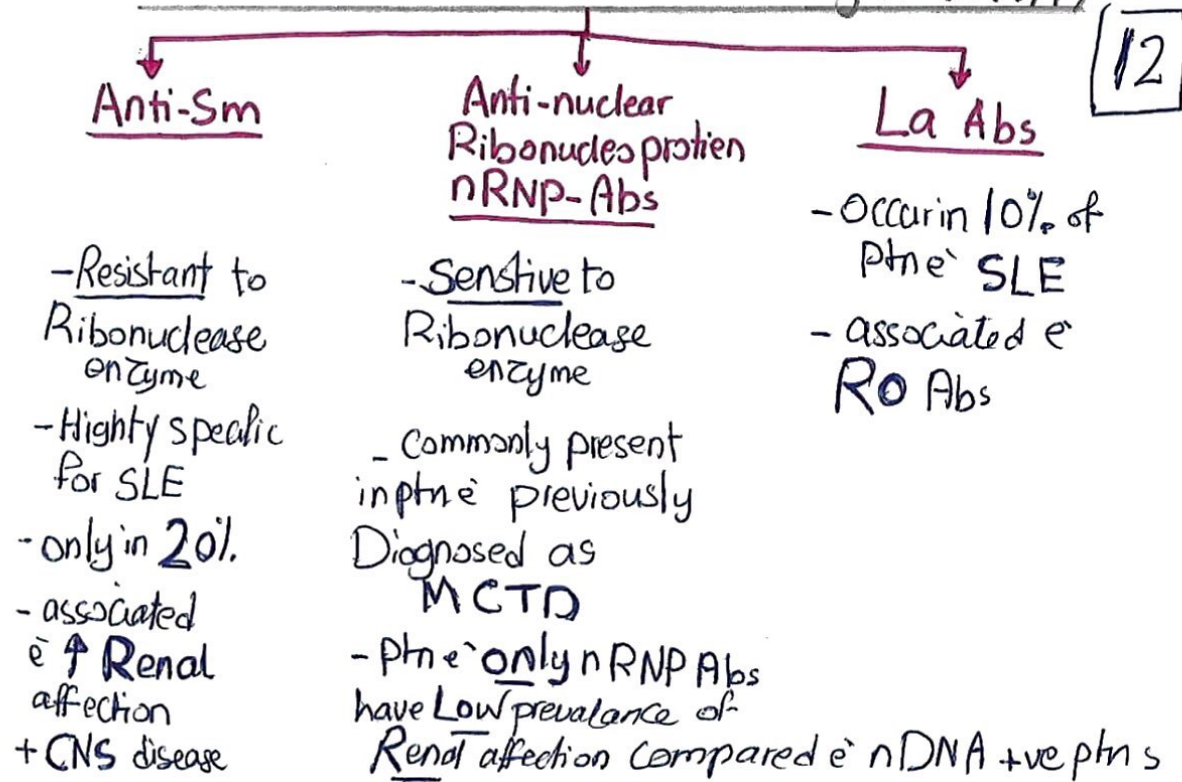
## 9 - DNA Abs:



## 11 - Histone antibodies:

- Present in 30% of Idiopathic SLE in 90% of Drug-induced LE
- as: Hydralazine, procainamide, Isoniazide

## 10 - Abs to Extractable Nuclear Antigen (ENA)



## 12 - Anti Cytoplasmic Abs

- Present in 25% of ptn e LE
  - include:
    - SLE -> 80%
    - Neonatal LE -> 100%
    - C2 deficiency SLE -> 75%
    - Oriental LE -> 60%
    - ANA-ve LE -> 90%
- Ro:** cytoplasmic o glycoprotein  
**La:** cytoplasmic RNA protein
- Late onset LE -> 75%
  - Sjogren's -> 40%



# Autoantibodies associated with lupus erythematosus\*\*

HL

Target	Median prevalence*	Molecular specificity	Clinical associations
<b>High specificity for SLE</b>			
dsDNA†	60%	Double-stranded (native) DNA.	LE nephritis & monitoring activity of nephritis.
Sm	10-30% of Caucasians; 30-40% of Asians & African-Americans	Spliceosome RNP (ribonucleoprotein particles involved in splicing pre-mRNA).	
rRNP	7-15%; 40% of Asians	Ribosomal P proteins (proteins involved in ribosome function).	Neuropsychiatric LE.
<b>Low specificity for SLE</b>			
ANA (most common IF patterns: homogeneous, peripheral)	99%		
ssDNA	70%	Denatured DNA	Possible risk for SLE in DLE patients; also seen in RA, DM/PM, MCTD, SSc, SjS, morphea.
C1q	60%	C1q component of complement.	Severe SLE, hypocomplementemic urticarial vasculitis syndrome.
PCNA	50%	A component of multiprotein complexes involved in cell proliferation.	-
U1RNP	50%	Spliceosome RNP	Overlapping features with other AI-CTDs; MCTD (100%).
Ro/SS-A	50%	hYRNP (quality control function for misfolded RNA molecules).	SCLE (75-90%), neonatal LE/congenital heart block (99%), SCLE-SjS overlap, primary SjS (70%); associated with vasculitis.
La/SS-B	20%	hYRNP	SCLE (30-40%), SCLE-SjS overlap, primary SjS (40%); occurs in conjunction with Ro/SS-A.
Cardiolipin	50%	Cardiolipin, a negatively charged phospholipid.	Recurrent spontaneous abortions, thrombocytopenia, & hypercoagulable state in SLE (cutaneous manifestations include livedo reticularis, leg ulcers, acral infarction/ulceration, hemorrhagic cutaneous necrosis); similar associations in primary antiphospholipid antibody syndrome; clinical manifestations have strongest association with IgG class of anticardiolipin.
β2 glycoprotein I	25%	An important cofactor for cardiolipin in cardiolipin aAb assays.	Relatively high risk of thrombosis in SLE & primary antiphospholipid antibody syndrome.
Histones	40%	Histones	Drug-induced SLE; also RA, SLE & SSc with pulmonary fibrosis (in conjunction with other aAb).
Rheumatoid factor	25%	Fc portion of IgG	Nonspecific
Ku	10%	DNA end-binding repair protein complex.	Overlap with other AI-CTDs such as DM/PM, SSc.
Alpha-fodrin	10%	An actin-binding protein at the periphery of chromaffin cells that may be involved in secretion.	SjS

\* Based on most common assay techniques currently employed in clinical immunology laboratories.



- Occur mainly in:

Female infants  
of mothers who  
Have or will  
Develop CTD

- the infant Develop:

- SLE-like lesion

- Develop within  
① 2 months

- Improve in 4-6m

- Crusted lesion  
in male pts

## Neonatal LE (NLE)

periorbital  
"owl-eye"  
"eye-mask"  
scalp

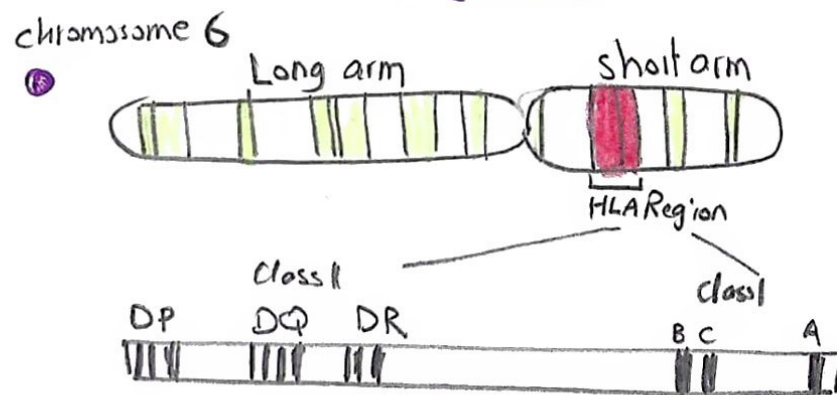
Annular  
Erythematous  
lesions

Extremity

## Lab + Immunological study:

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• children e<sup>-</sup> Cutaneous NLE → Should  
evaluated For → Hematologic  
+ Hepatic  
+ Cardiac involvement



② photosensitivity

③ Transient → Thrombocytopenia

→ Cholestatic hepatitis

④ Complete Congenital heart  
Disease Block "permanent"

"may occur in absence of Skin Disease"

⑤ Anti-RO Abs in infants  
mothers

"Serological marker"

Disappear By 4-6 mths age

⑥ ↑ prevalence of HLA-DR3, B8  
in mothers

mothers of Babies  
e<sup>-</sup> Congenital heart D  
have 1:3 chance of  
Developing SLE

- Class II alleles Localized to MHC  
on short arm of chromosome 6 →  
control anti-RO, anti-La auto  
antibodies

- ↑↑ Frequency of HLA-DR2  
DR3  
e<sup>-</sup> anti-RO Abs Response

- There is strong interRelation  
Between all phenotypically different  
anti-RO Abs +ve women  
↓  
all have Risk of giving Birth to infant e<sup>-</sup> NLE



**To sum-up, antibodies can give a clue to the diagnosis and prognosis of LE patients**

Antibody	Features	Prognosis
nDNA	Severe nephritis, specific for active SLE	Poor
ssDNA	Non-specific for SLE, found in other CT diseases, & may be DLE (suggesting possible disease progression)	Good
Sm	Specific for SLE, ↑ incidence of renal & ? CNS dis.	? Poor
nRNP	Raynaud's phenomenon, sclerodactyly, arthralgia, pulmonary disease, eosophageal dysmotility & rare renal affection "MCTD"	Good
Ro & La	(photosensitivity, mild renal disease): SCLE, oriental LE, ANA -ve SLE, neonatal LE, C2 deficiency SLE, Sjogren's syndrome & late-onset LE	Good
Histones	Drug-induced SLE	Good

### Classification of LE spectrum

	Leading Abs	Features	Prognosis
Mild	Ro "SS-A"	SCLE, ANA -ve LE, neonatal LE, C2-deficient LE	Good
Moderate	Sm or nRNP	MCTD	Good
Severe	nDNA	SLE	Poor

## Late onset LE

- occur in: elderly > 50 years

- chick By:

- ↑ incidence of
  - ↳ Neuropsychiatric
  - ↳ + pulmonary manifestations

• ↓ Frequency of Renal Disease

• photosensitive lupus skin lesion

• SLE

• Cutaneous Vasculitis

• Frequent Sjogren's S

• ↑ Incidence of Anti-RO Abs 75%

• ↑ incidence of HLA DR3

Q: Features associated  
è anti-RO antibodies  
+ve Sjogren's S:

- SS 2ry
- in associated è
  - LE
  - DM
  - scleroderma
  - MCTD
- clinical Vasculitis
  - Anemia
  - Salivary gland enlarge
  - Thrombocytopenia
  - Lymphadenopathy
  - Hypergammaglobulinemia

## Treatment of lupus

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### ① Local:

- 1- Sun protection: UVB sunscreen
- 2- Topical Corticosteroids: Betamethasone dipropionate
- 3- Topical Calcineurine inhibitors: Triamcinolone acetonide 1. lesional 3-4 mg/ml
- 4- Topical Retinoids

### ② Systemic antimalarial (gold standard)

- 1- Hydroxychloroquine → 6.5 mg/kg/day
- 2- Chloroquine → 3.5-4 mg/kg/day
- 3- Quinacrine → 100 mg po qd
- 4- Combination of Hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine

### ③ Systemic antimalarial - Resistant

- 1- Retinoids - (acitretin - isotretinoin)
- 2- Thalidomide: Highly effective But Teratogenic Neurotoxic  
↳ used only in men  
↳ postmenopausal women
- 3- Dapsone: 100 mg/day  
↳ For Bullous eruption LE
- 4- Immunosuppressive agents: Azathioprine  
↳ Mycophenolate mofetil
- 5- Sulfasalazine
- 6- Clofazimine: 100-300 mg/day
- 7- Systemic Corticosteroids
- 8- Rituximab  
↳ anti-IL-6 Ab  
↳ anti-IL-10 Abs



# Scleroderma

## 1-D.F:

- Both Systemic Sclerosis + Cutaneous Sclerosis
- e.g morphea, Linear Scleroderma

## ① Morphea: Localized Scleroderma

- \* D.F: Fibrosing Condition limited to
- \* to Differentiated From SS → 1-absence of Sclerodactyly

Skin + S.C tissue underlying Bone  
Rarely CNS if present at Face or head

## \* Clinical:

### ① Plaque

- Round or oval
- Indurated ivory smooth surface
- violaceous Lilac Border
- lesion improve within 3-5 yrs & Residual Hyperpigmentation

## \* Epidemiology:

- ↳ Rare ↳ > Female
- ↳ 20-40 yrs
- ↳ Some cases Caused By: *Borrelia Burgdorferi*
- ↳ Manifestations of Lyme's Disease
- ↳ who live or travel to Endemic area
- ↳ OR History of Tick Bite
- ↳ Tested for Abs to Spirochete

### ② Guttate:

- Resembling LSe a lichen sclerosis et atrophicus But without Hyperkeratosis OR follicular plugging

## ④ Generalized Morphea

widespread & out systemic involvement

## ⑤ Deep morphea

Diffuse induration of Tissues → extend from Deep Dermis to S.C Tissue & fascia

## ⑥ Disabling pansclerotic & children

### ③ Linear Morphea

#### ① En coup de Sabre

linear depressed groove on frontoparietal Region



#### ② progressive Hemifacial atrophy: Parry Romberg Syndrome

extend to scalp → "Linear alopecia"



# \* Classification:

15-B

Localized Cutaneous

(A) Sclerosis  
(Localized scleroderma)  
(morphea)

## 1- plaque:-

- plaque
- Guttate
- Atrophoderma of pasini + perini
- Keloid morphea
  - nodular
  - lichen sclerosis et atrophicus

## 2- Linear:-

- linear
- En Coup de sabre
- progressive hemifacial atrophy

## 3- Generalized:-

## 4- Bullous:-

## 5- Deep:-

- S.C
- Eosinophilic fascitis
- morphea profunda
- Disabling pansclerotic

(B) pseudosclerodermas

(C) Systemic Sclerosis (SS)

Limited Cutaneous

- acrosclerosis
- CREST \$

Diffuse Cutaneous

6- as a Component of  
Overlap Syndrome:-

- MCTD
- Sclerodermatomyositis



- Disabling aggressive mutilating form
- affecting All tissues to Bone
- Rare
- predisposes ptn to SCC of skin

### \* Most Common presentation:

- Plaque → more in Adults
- Linear → more in Children
- present: Fibrosis of underlying tissue → ↑ morbidity

### \* Systemic:

- most common extraCut is

#### Arthralgia

- CNS Fibrosis → most common in children & head + neck involvement

↓  
Should have Regular  
Ophthalmic examination  
to monitor Asymptomatic involvement → Irreversible Damage.

### \* Histopathology:

#### Early inflammatory stage

- marked lymphocytic infiltrate
- (H) Lower Dermis + S.C Fat
- Large area replaced By: newly formed collagen fibers
- Thickened Trabeculate of S.C Fat
- ↑↑ number of Mast cells

#### Late sclerotic stage

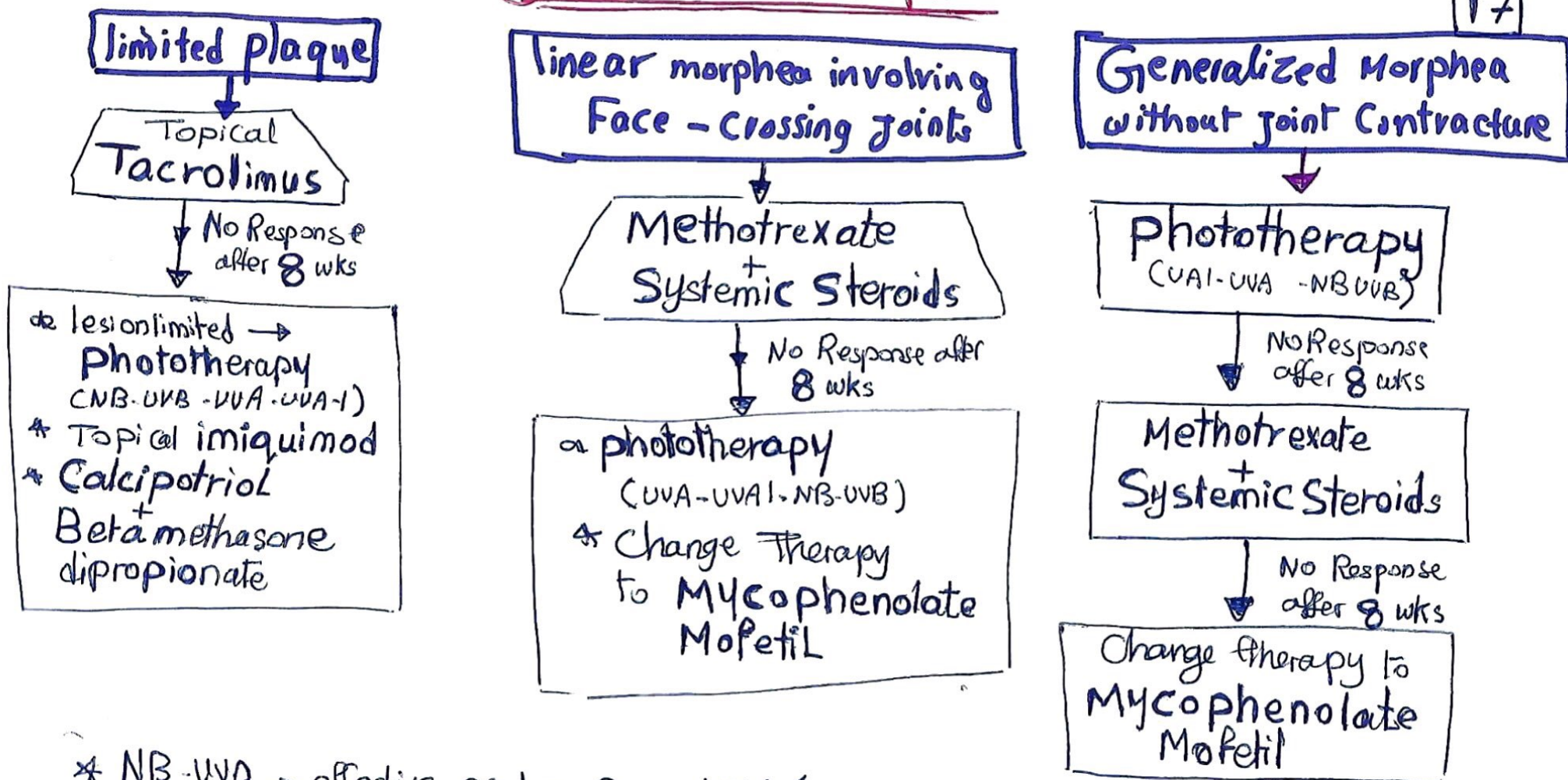
- Disappear of inflammatory infiltrate
- Collagen consist of Thick, closely packed "Hyalinized Bundles" few fibroblasts
- eccrine glands → atrophic, tightly "Bound Down" By the newly formed collagen

### \* Laboratory:

- 1- Investigations of SS → -ve
- 2- Eosinophilia
- 3- +ve ANA in 40% of Linear morphea
- 4- Anti-SS DNA Abs → +ve 70% of Generalized 53% of Linear 25% of Localized
- 5- Serum procollagen type 1- Carboxy Terminal Peptide → 30% in Localized, more in Generalized

# \* Treatment of Morphea

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- \* NB-UVB → effective as Low Dose UVA-1
- \* Topical Tacrolimus → effective for Active plaque Morphea
- \* Methotrexate & Systemic Steroids and UVA-1 → the Most evidence of efficacy in for Severe Morphea



## ② Pseudoscleroderma

1 - D.F: many Diseases or Environmental Factors → induce Scleroderma-like Changes

### 2 - Causes:

#### ↓ Genetic

- progeria
- Rothmund - Thomson's

#### ↓ Metabolic

- PET
- Amyloidosis
- POEMS
- Scleromyxedema

#### ↓ paraneoplastic

- Carcinoid
- Bronchial Carcinoma

#### ↓ CGVHD

#### ↓ Acrodermatitis Chronica atrophicans

#### ↓ Connective Tissue Diseases

- SLE
- DM
- RA

#### ↓ occupations + chemicals

- Pesticides
- Epoxy Resins
- Silicosis
- L-Tryptophan

#### ↓ Iatrogenic

- Bleomycin
- INH

## ③ Systemic Sclerosis: 18

### limited (Acrosclerosis)

- limited to → Hands  
→ Forearm  
→ Face
- with Disseminated Telangiectasia
- Long History of Raynaud's phenomenon

• **C R E S T**

- Calcinosis
- Raynaud's
- Esophageal Dysmotility
- Sclerodactyly
- Telangiectasia



### Diffuse

- involve Both  
→ Truncal  
→ Acral areas
- without significant Telangiectasia
- short interval < 1 yr Between the onset of Raynaud's phenomenon + Development of Skin changes





## → Diagnostic Criteria of SS:

### Major

- Proximal Truncal Sclerosis

1 major + 2 minor =

97% Diagnosis

### Minor

- 1 - Sclerodactyly
- 2 - Digital pitting Scars
- 3 - Loss substance of Digital finger pads "pulp loss"

4 - Bibasilar pulmonary fibrosis

## ④ Telangiectasia:

Face + Hands

## ⑤ Calcinosis

Palmar aspect of Terminal phalanges

## ⑥ Abnormal Nail Fold Capillary pattern

## ⑦ Ulceration above tip of fingers:

## → Clinical manifestations:

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### Cutaneous

#### ① Skin Sclerosis

- early edematous phase
- Sclerotic phase
- Late atrophic phase

#### - Skin is

- Diffuse indurated
- Smooth + Shiny
- Firm Bound to underlying structure

#### - Finger + Hands:

- Swollen
- Tumid
- Can't fully extend

#### - Face:

- small
- pinched nose
- constricted mouth
- Radial furrows

## ② Raynaud's phenomenon

## ③ Hyper + Hypo pigmentation

- Diffusely
- Salt - pepper reflecting periductular Hyperpigmentation against Hypo pigmented Background

### Systemic

#### • Lung:

- pulmonary fibrosis
- pulmonary Hypertension
- Rt-side HF

#### • Heart

- pericarditis
- pericardial effusions

#### • Kidney:

- proteinuria
- azotemia
- Hypertension
- sclerodermal Renal crisis

#### • Musculo Skeletal

- Arthralgia
- arthritis
- Myositis
- Contractures

#### GIT

- esophageal Dysmotility
- Dysmotility in small Bowel of Colon
- Regurgitation
- malabsorption
- Peptic esophagitis



## → Cause of Death:

- 1- Renal Failure
- 2- Cardiac Complications of malignant HTN
- 3- Because of use of ACEI Ht of Renal Crisis

Renal Failure Now is Not the main Cause  
 Replaced By Pulmonary Disease

## → Systemic Sclerosis Sine Scleroderma:

- 1- Internal organ involument
- 2- Raynaud's phenomenon
- 3- +ve Serology
- 4- No Cutaneous involument
- 5- ptns prognosis similar to that of ptns e limited SS

## → DIF:

- ve

## → D.D of SS:

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	Diffuse	Limited
- Onset	Abrupt	Gradual
- Skin Sclerosis	- Truncal + Acral - without significant Telangiectasia	- limited to Hand Forearm Face - Disseminated Telangiectasia + Calcinosis
- Raynaud's	onset within 1 yr of onset of Skin changes	- Long History
- Systemic affection	- Early onset of interstitial Lung Disease Renal Failure, GIT, MI	- Late onset: pulmonary HTN
- Nail Folds Capillary	- Dilation + Destruction	Dilation without Drop outs
- Auto Abs	SCL-70 (anti-topoisomerase)	- AntiCentromere Abs +ve
- prognosis	Poor	Good

## → Serology: By: indirect immunofluorescence on Hep-2 cells

### → 3 ch.ch. patterns:

- ① AntiCentromere Abs: (Speckled) in Limited Cut more in CREST
- ② SCL-70 (Diffuse fine Speckles) Diffuse Cut
- ③ Antinuclear Abs (speckled - Homogenous - clumpy)  
 limited Scleroderma polymyositis overlap Diffuse

# Autoantibodies associated with SSc & morphea (localized scleroderma)\*\*

HL

Target	SSc, all	SSc with diffuse cutaneous scleroderma	SSc with limited cutaneous scleroderma (also referred to as CREST syndrome)	Morphea (localized scleroderma)
ANA (most common IF patterns: speckled, nucleolar, centromere)	95%*			40%
Centromere (CENP-B)		30%	80% (pulmonary hypertension)	
Scl-70 (DNA topoisomerase I, which unwinds DNA)		60% (pulmonary fibrosis)	15%	
Fibrillin-1 (major component of microfibrils in the extracellular matrix)		5%	10%	30%
Histones	40%			35%†
Rheumatoid factor	25%			25%
ssDNA	10-30%			50% (may correlate with disease severity or activity; most prevalent in linear morphea)
Fibrillarin (U3RNP)	5%	Internal organ involvement		
PM-Scl	5%	Polymyositis, SSc overlap		
RNA polymerases	5-20%	45% (aAb levels correlate positively with extent of skin involvement & renal disease)	6%	
Th/To RNP (mitochondrial enzyme) (associated with limited pulmonary fibrosis)		11%	19%	5%
Calpastatin†	25%			
HMG (high mobility group); a non-histone nucleosomal protein		30%	40%	
MMP 1 & 3 (degrade ECM proteins; aAb prevents degradation)	52%	71%	33%	
PDGFR (platelet-derived growth factor receptor): expressed on fibroblasts§	16-100%§			

\* Median prevalence using current assay techniques



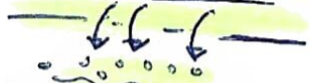
# → Pathogenesis:

- Autoimmune process OR Unusual Reaction to chemical
- 3 pathways in Early Scleroderma

## ① Vascular alteration

### 1- Endothelial cell injury

- proliferation of intimal cells
- ↓
- Obliteration
- Ischemia + Platelet Hyperaggregation
- Release of mediators
- modulation of Fibroblast functions



- Altered permeability of Vessel wall → ↑ passage of Mononuclear cells into tissue

### 2- Surrounding Smooth muscle cells

- altered production and Response to Vasoconstrictive (cold-endothelin) and Vasodilatory (nitric oxide)

## ② Abnormal Immune Regulation

- presence of Autoantibodies against Nuclear + Cellular antigen
- ↑↑ T- helper cell activity

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### 3- Raynaud's phenomenon

#### + Digital ulcers:



Caused By Reversible vasospasm OR Irreversible arterial Damage with intimal proliferation and luminal obstruction

### 4- Scleroderma Renal

Crisis + Pulmonary artery Hypertension

manifestation of Large Vessel Dysregulation



## ③ Disturbed Control of Collagen Metabolism

excessive Deposition of Collagen type III  
proteoglycans  
fibronectin  
fibrillins  
Adhesion molecules

↓  
which sequester Cytokines + growth factors

## Cytokines of possible relevance to SS

Cytokine	Cell source	Actions	Correlation with SS
IL-2	TH1 subset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capillary leaks.</li> <li>• ↑ T &amp; B cell proliferation.</li> <li>• Monocyte activation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extravasated fluid / edema.</li> <li>• Lymphocytic infiltrates.</li> </ul>
IL-5	TH2 subset.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B cell activation.</li> <li>• Eosinophil proliferation.</li> <li>• Mast cell proliferation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autoantibody production.</li> <li>• Hypergammaglobulinemia.</li> <li>• Eosinophilia.</li> <li>• Increased mast cells.</li> </ul>
TGF-β	T-cells, activated monocytes, platelets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collagen synthesis.</li> <li>• Glycosaminoglycan synthesis.</li> <li>• ↓ Lymphocyte proliferation.</li> <li>• Angiogenesis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased sclerosis coincident with decreasing infiltrates.</li> <li>• Telangiectasia.</li> </ul>
TNF	Activated monocytes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ↑ PGE2 synthesis.</li> <li>• ↑ Angiogenesis.</li> <li>• ↑ IFN synthesis.</li> <li>• ↑ Osteoclast activity.</li> <li>• ↓ Fat synthesis.</li> <li>• ↓ Proteoglycan synthesis.</li> <li>• ↓ Collagen synthesis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss of dermal &amp; subcuticular substance.</li> <li>• Hyperpigmentation.</li> <li>• Telangiectasia.</li> <li>• Bone resorption.</li> </ul>

IL = interleukin, TH = T-helper cell subset, TGF = transforming growth factor,

TNF = tumor necrosis factor, PG = prostaglandin, IFN = interferon.



## → Molecular pathogenesis :-

1. morphea lesion → initiated By Vascular injury
2. Vascular injury → ↑↑ expression of adhesion molecules → inflammatory cells recruit
3. The Recruit inflammatory cells → ↑↑ production of Cytokines
4. The profibrotic Cytokines → ↑ collagen production + ↓ collagen Destruction  
↓  
Result in Overabundance of Collagen Deposition

## → Role of Mast Cells:

- ↑ number of Mast cells in Early inflammatory stage
- 2γto IL-5 Released By: activated T-helper cells
- mast cell-derived proteases Cause endothelial Cytotoxicity

## → Fibrosis in scleroderma Result from the interplay Between:

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### Recruitment of lymphocytes + monocytes

1. T-cell activation  
↓  
Release of IL-2, IL-5, TGF-β
2. B-cell activation  
↓  
anticentromere + SCL-70 Abs
3. Monocytes activation  
↓  
Fibronectin, IL-1, TGF-β, TNF
4. CTGF → Connective Tissue growth factor  
• induced By TGF-β  
• Responsible for maintenance of Collagen Synthesis

### Activation of Fibroblasts

- Selective population of Fibroblasts (those Localized in Lower dermis)

↓  
Stimulated

enhanced Collagen Synthesis (Type I - II)

- This is D.t →

↑ T-helper function  
↓

production of collagen stimulatory lymphokines

↓  
Defective inhibitory Feedback (By)

amino-propeptides of Type I - II collagen



## → Treatment of SS:

- 1- **Steroids**: Topical  
Intralesional  
oral (if generalized)
- 2- **penicillamine**  
(300 - 600 mg/day)  
+ **pyridoxine**  
(20 mg/day)
- 3- **potassium para-amino Benzoate** orally
- 4- **PUVA • VVA-I • Cyclosporine A • Plasmapheresis**  
Combined w/ **Oral Steroid**
- 5- **vit-D analogues** oral  
Topical
- 6- **Oral salazopyrin**  
(2 - 4 g/day)
- 7- **physiotherapy**
- 8- **plastic surgery**

## 9- internal organ tt

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### G Renal Crisis:-

if elevated  $> 20$  mmHg Systolic +  $> 10$  mmHg Diastolic pressure  
→ Renal crisis suspected  
→ **ACEI** → Started



Esophageal invol:- → proton pump inhibitors



### pulmonary Disease:-

↓  
Interstitial lung Disease

Cyclophosphamide  
Chlorambucil  
Cyclosporine  
Corticosteroids  
Mycophenolate Mofetil  
Azathioprine  
5-Fluorouracil

↓  
pulmonary arterial HTN

→ Oral Vasoactive Compounds:

- 1- Endothelin receptor antagonist  
- Bosentan  
- ambrisentan
- 2- phosphodiesterase type 5 inhibitors  
- Sildenafil
- 3- prostacycline analogues  
- iloprost (inhaled)  
- treprostinil (s.c.)  
For pulmonary arterial HTN

### 10- Future:-

- anti-TGF- $\beta$  Abs  
- anti-CTGF therapy  
- autologous stem cell transplant  
- **SCOT** trial → Scleroderma Cyclophosphamide or Transplant



#### ④ Eosinophilic Fascitis "Shulman's"

**D.F:** Scleroderma-like Syndrome  
• e Distinct entity

**CLP:** gradual OR sudden onset  
Swelling - Stiffness of extremities  
Asymmetric - Deeply indurated -  
Bound - Down plaques of skin + S.C  
Site: extremities, forearm, Legs.  
Sparing Hand, Feet

**Skin:** puckered - Cobble-stone appearance  
Flexion contracture + limitation of movement  
- Raynaud + visceral change → Not present

#### - Lab Finding:

- 1 - Striking peripheral eosinophilia
- 2 - ↑ ESR
- 3 - Hypergammaglobulinemia
- 4 - Rare → aplastic anemia  
↳ Thrombocytopenia
- 5 - ↑ serum Aldolase level
- 6 - Normal serum creatinine level

#### ⑤ Eosinophilia-Myalgia \$

Acute - Multisystem Disease - e peripheral  
Blood eosinophilia + Sever myalgia  
History of Recent intake of L-Tryptophan

Erythematous Macules, pruritic  
site: extremities, trunk

- e: edema - Hyperesthesia

- Resolve: within 2-4 wks

- Develop: progressive - Woody  
induration of skin, Hyperpigmentation  
- Peau d'orange  
- Diffuse Alopecia

Spare: Face, Acral portion of Body

Raynaud: Absent

Nail Fold abnormalities: Absent

extra cut manifest :-

- 1 - Sever Myalgia
- 2 - Pulmonary: Cough, dyspnea
- 3 - Neurologic affection:-  
peripheral + Central Neuropathy
- 4 - Arthralgia
- 5 - Cardiac
- 6 - GIT: Steatorrhea.

#### ⑥ Nephrogenic Systemic Fibrosis

• exclusive in individuals  
e impaired Renal Function  
- Dialysis Dependent  
chronic Renal Failure [2]

- Following exposure to:-  
gadolinium-Based  
Contrast - medium

**CLP:** -ILL - defined

Thick - indurated plaques  
Symmetric.

site: extremities  
Trunk

Brawny Hyperpigmentation  
± Joint Contracture

#### histology:

Dermal sclerosis  
↑ CD34 + Cells

**††:** UVA-1

Restoration of  
Renal Function



## Eosinophilic Fascitis

### Histopathology:

- Dermal Sclerosis & Inflammation + Fibrosis of Fat + Deep Fascia
- Then they Thicken + Infiltrated  
  e<sup>-</sup> → lymphocytes  
  e<sup>-</sup> → eosinophils  
  e<sup>-</sup> → plasma cells  
  e<sup>-</sup> → histocytes

##: Systemic Steroids  
(40-60 mg/day)

- OR Anti-Malarial agents
- Improvement
  - Spont. Remissions may occur

## Eosinophilia - Myalgia &

### Histopathology:

- Marked Thickening of Fascia
- Inflammatory infiltrate of  
  marked eosinophilia  
    → lymphocytes  
    → plasma cells  
    → mast cells
- In Fascia, septa, S.C tissue + Deep Dermis

##: Systemic Steroids

- 2- NSAIDs
- 3- Oral Isotretinoin (60 mg/day)

## ⑦ Stiff Skin Syndrome

- Rock hard induration 25  
  + Thickening of skin + S.C tissue
- Mast in Buttocks  
  Thigh
- chick: sparing inguinal folds  
  ↓  
  D.t Disturbance in the organization of collagen + glycosaminoglycans in extracellular matrix



# Raynaud's phenomenon:

- D.F: Episodic Vasospasm of Digital arteries → white, Blue, Red Discoloration of fingers, 2ry to → Cold Stimuli
- Types:

	1ry	2ry
Sex	F:M 20:1	F:M 4:1
Age of onset	Puberty	>25yr
Frequency of attacks	<5 per day	5-10+ per day
PF	Cold - emotional stress	Cold
Ischemic injury	Absent	Present
Abnormal Capillaroscopy	Absent	>95%
Antinuclear Abs	Absent / Low titer	90-95%
Anti-Scl 70	Absent	20-30%
in vivo platelet activation	Absent	>75%
anti-Endothelium Abs		50-60%

• DD:

## \* Structural Vascopathies

→ large + medium size:

- Thoracic outlet Syndrome
- Takayasu's arteritis

→ small arteries + arterioles:

- Systemic Sclerosis, SLE, DM
- Cold injury - vibration

## \* Abnormal Blood elements:

- Cryoglobulinemia → Cryofibrinogenemia
- Myeloproliferative Disorders.

## \* Abnormal Vaso-motion:

- 1ry (idiopathic) Raynaud's
- Drug induced :- ergots, interferon, estrogen
- Cyclosporine
- Pheochromocytoma → Carcinoid &

• +++: 1st line: avoid Cold + tobacco

2nd line: 1- VasoDilators: CCB, ARB, phosphodiesterase inhibitors

2- 1.V prostaglandin E1: alprostadil

3- Nerve Blocks + sympathectomies

4- Antiplatelet agents :- Low Dose Aspirin

5- Topical preparations: ineffective



# Dermatomyositis

4 - Inclusion Body myositis

- D.F: Rare Inflammatory Myopathy with chich skin + Muscle weakness

## \* polymyositis

Similar Disease without skin lesion

## \* Amyopathic DM

- Typical Cut manifest of DM  
- without clinical OR Laboratory finding of muscle involv. for at least 2 yr after the Onset of Rash

## - Etiology:

### ① Environmental

- 1- Picorna virus - <sup>muscle</sup> capsid protein
- 2- E. coli
- 3- Echovirus infection in ptn e Hypogammaglobulinemia
- 4- Coxsackie virus-9
- 5- AIDS myositis

### ② Autoimmune

- e Autoimmune D
  - Hashimoto's
  - Graves D
  - Myasthenia gravis
  - Type I DM
- Autoantibodies
  - Anti-synthetase Jo-1
  - anti-translation - KJ
  - anti-Mi-2

### ③ Genetically Determined aberrant Immune Response

- Viral → as infectious agent
- HLA-DR3 + B8 (Juvenile DM)
- HLA-DR52 (ptn e anti Jo-1 Abs)
- HLA-DR7 - DRW53 (ptn e anti Mi-2 Abs)

### ④ Cellular immunity

- 1- CD8 lymphocytes in skin muscle
- 2- ↑ Ki-67 - P53 expression in Keratinocytes after UVB
- 3- ↑ CD40 expression in muscle cells
- 4- Fas ligand on T cells  
Fas Receptor on muscle cells
- 5- ↓ CD54 (ICAM-1)
- 6- ↑ Expression of COX-1  
COX-2 mRNA  
5-LOX

### 1- Adult onset

- classic
- classic e Malignancy
- classic as a part of an overlapping CTD
- Amyopathic
- Hypomyopathic

### 2- Juvenile

- classic
- Clinically Amyopathic
  - ↳ Amyopathic
  - ↳ Hypomyopathic

### 3- polymyositis [27]

- Isolated
- Polymyositis as a part of overlapping CTD
- associated e internal malignancy

### ⑥ Malignancy association in adults

D-penicillamine  
Hydroxyurea  
NSAIDs  
Cyclophosphamide  
⑤ Drug precipitant



# - clinical Features:

## Cutaneous

### A) pathognomic

#### 1- Gotttron's papules:

- violaceous flat-topped papules
- Dorsal interphalangeal - Elbow joints
- Metacarpophalangeal - Knee joints

#### 2- Gotttron's Sign:

- Macular violaceous Erythema
- with or without edema

### B) other signs

#### 1- periungual telangiectasia e' Ragged cuticle "Samitz sign"

#### 2- Heliotrope Erythema

- violaceous e' slight edema in face
- Specially Periorbital, upper chest + arms

#### 3- poikiloderma: shoulder- arms upper Back

#### 4- S.c + periarthicular Calcification

- if excessive → Dystrophic Calcinosis Universalis

#### 5- photosensitivity - fissured, scaly Hands "Mechanic Hands" acquired Ichthyosis

## Skeletal

- Progressive Symmetrical weakness
- later atrophy of proximal muscles of extremities

- Difficult walking - up stairs
- getting up from chair
- Combing Hair

- involve pharyngeal + neck flexor

Dysphagia - Fatigue

- Involve Diaphragm  
↓  
Respiratory failure

### C) Uncommon Skin Features:

- erosions + ulcers
- Holster sign (poikiloderma of lateral thigh)
- Flagellate erythema
- Vesicobullous lesion
- panniculitis
- gingival Telangiectasia
- pustular eruption of Elbow + knee
- Lipatrophy
- Exfoliative Erythroderma

## Systemic

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### Pulmonary in antisynthetase Syndrome

Interstitial lung Disease  
(myositis + anti-synthetase Abs)

### Myocardial

- arrhythmia
- CHF
- myocarditis

major prognostic Factor for Death

### GIT

- Dysphagia
- esophageal Dysmotility

### Causes of Dysphagia in DM

- Overlap e' scleroderma
- Cricopharyngeal muscle Dysfunction

Difficult initiating Swallowing



### Ocular

conjunctival edema - Nystagmus

### Arthralgia Symmetrical



## Serum autoantibodies in adult & juvenile dermatomyositis

Autoantibodies	Target antigen function	Clinical phenotype	Response to steroids
Anti-aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (e.g. anti-Jo-1 'histidyl', anti-PL-7 'threonyl')	Intracytoplasmic protein synthesis	Antisynthetase syndrome.	Moderate
Anti-SRP	Protein translocation (anti-signal recognition particle).	Fulminant DM/PM, cardiac involvement.	Poor
Anti-Mi-2	Helicase-transcription (anti-helicase nuclear proteins).	Adult DM & juvenile DM (hallmark is cutaneous disease, milder muscle disease with good response to treatment).	Good
Anti-p155	Anti-transcriptional intermediary factor 1 gamma.	Clinically amyopathic DM; in adult-onset classic DM, increased risk of malignancy.	
Anti-p-140	Likely NXP-2-nuclear transcription, RNA metabolism	Juvenile DM with calcinosis.	
Anti-SAE	Post-translational modification	Adult DM; may present with clinically myopathic DM.	
Anti-CADM-140 (MDA5)	Innate immunity	Clinically amyopathic DM; rapidly progressive interstitial lung disease.	

## Antiaminoacyl-tRNA synthetase antibodies & their associated antigens in polymyositis/dermatomyositis

HL

Antibody	Antigen	Polymyositis/dermatomyositis patients with antibody (%)
Anti-Jo-1	Histidyl-tRNA synthetase	20
Anti-PL-7	Threonyl-tRNA synthetase	<3
Anti-PL-12	Alanyl-tRNA synthetase	<3
Anti-OJ	Isoleucyl-tRNA synthetase	<3
Anti-EJ	Glycyl-tRNA synthetase	<3



# Juvenile Dermatomyositis

→ Resemble of Adult except in:

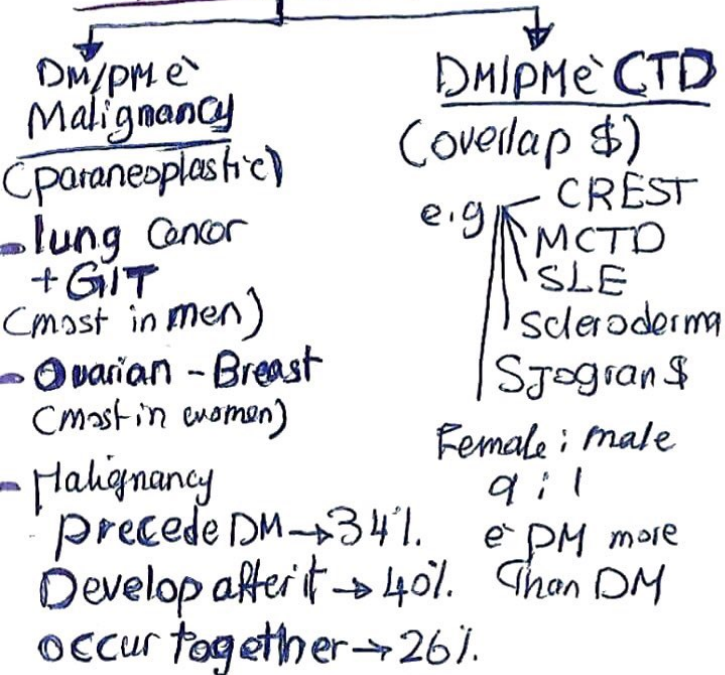
- 1- Calcification more frequent
- 2- Vasculitis
  - skin
  - muscle
  - GIT (ulceration Hematemesis)

3- Low grade fever → Common

4- Hypertrophic + lipatrophy (Rare)

5- Malignancy (Rare)

→ Associations:



# Histopathology:

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• Cutaneous lesions:

- as SLE
  - Flattening Epidermis
  - Hydropic Degeneration of Basal layer
  - edema of upper Dermis
  - perivascular lymphocytic infiltrate in upper Dermis

• Muscle lesions:

proximal muscle → various Degree of Degeneration

- DIF: Globular deposits of IgM-IgG-C<sub>3</sub> in upper Dermis

- Lab Finding:

1 Urine: Albuminuria - Hematuria - Urinary Creatine

2 ↑ ESR:

3 ↑ Serum Muscle enzymes: CK aldolase

- ↑ SGOT, alanine aminotransferase (ALT)

- Lactic Dehydrogenase (LDH)

- Myoglobin → Can detected in serum

4 Abnormal EMG:

5 Auto antibodies:

• non-myositis specific Abs

- ANA Low titer

- ANA High titer in myositis e- overlap syndrome > 1:160

• Myositis-specific Abs

anti RNP (PM + SLE)

anti PM-Scl

(DM, PM + scleroderma)

→ Abs against MAS

→ anti-aminoacyl-tRNA Synthetase (anti Jo-1)

→ Abs against Cytoplasmic proteins (anti-SRP)

→ Abs against Mi-2



## - Diagnostic Criteria of PM/DM:

1- Proximal Symmetric Progressive Muscle Weakness  
↓ weeks to months

2- ↑ CPK - aldolase -  
SGOT - SGPT - LDH

3- Muscle Biopsy: Inflammatory Myopathy

4- Electromyogram: Myopathy

5- Typical Cutaneous lesions of DM

<u>Definite</u>	<u>Probable</u>	<u>Possible</u>
4	3	2

(Including Rash in DM) *موجود في 4*

## - Poor Prognostic Factors in DM:

- Progressive → Malignancy
- Old age → Cardiac issues
- initiating therapy after 24 months of muscle weakness
- Longer Duration of symptoms Before Diagnosis
  - Pulmonary problems
  - Dysphagia
  - extensive Cutaneous lesion on Trunk

## - treatment:

شبهتي بيه ⬠ Systemic ⬠

1- \* Oral prednisone: (1 mg/kg)

- tapered to 50% → over 6 months

- tapered to Zero → over 2-3 years

- Can use pulse Dose - Split Dose - alternate Day

2- \* Methotrexate: (5-20 mg/week)

3- \* Azathioprine: (2-3 mg/kg/day)

\* Others:

4 - IVIg: High Dose (2 g/kg/month)

5 - Cyclophosphamide: (0.5-1.0 g/m<sup>2</sup> month)

6 - Chlorambucil: (4 mg/day)

7 - Cyclosporine: (3-5 mg/kg/day)

8 - Tacrolimus: (0.12 mg/kg/day)

9 - Mycophenolate mofetil

10 - Infliximab (5-10 mg/kg/every 2 wks)

11 - Rituximab

12 - Plasmapheresis



## ★ Cutaneous Lesion ★

- 1- Sun Screen
- 2- Topical Corticosteroids
- 3- Hydroxychloroquine  
(200 mg Bid)  
C ↑ Frequency of Drug eruption in DM
- 4- Hydroxychloroquine + Quinacrine
- 5- Methotrexate  
(Low Dose weekly 5-15 mg/wk)
- 6- Retinoids
- 7- Topical Tacrolimus
- 8- Calcinosis Cutis:
  - ↳ Diltiazem
  - ↳ Surgical excision
- 9- others:
  - Mycophenolate Mofetil
  - Dapsone
  - Thalidomide
  - Ieflunomide
  - Antiestrogens
    - ↳ tamoxifen
    - ↳ anastrozole
  - TNF-α inhibitors
    - ↳ Infliximab
    - ↳ etanercept
  - Rituximab

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	skin involve	Systemic involve
LE →	DLE	ACLE
DM →	Amyopathic DM	Classic DM
SCL →	Morphea linear Scleroderma	systemic Sclerosis
		LE Nephritis without Cut. lesion LE polymyositis/inclusion Body Myositis Systemic sclerosis Sine' scleroderma

## MCTD

HLA-DR4  
HLA-DR2

### clinically:

- ↳ Raynaud's phenomenon → 100%
- ↳ Sclerodactyly → 90%
- ↳ arthralgia → 90%

### - Rare systemic:

- ↳ esophageal Dysmotility
- ↳ pulmonary fibrosis
- ↳ Renal affection
- good prognosis & Long period of remission

- DIF: Epidermal nuclear IgG deposition
- IIF: Speckled pattern

### - Serology:

- U1RNP → High titers of Abs to ribonucleoprotein
  - ↳ sensitive to ribonuclease
  - ↳ 25% of pt in SLE → Resistant to ribonuclease
- -ve anti-n-DNA Abs
- -ve anti-Sm Abs
- ttt: prednisone 1 mg/kg/day, topical Steroids



# Antiphospholipid Syndrome

• D.F: multiple System Disorders  
Ch. ch By: APAs

- arterial - venous Thrombosis
- Thrombocytopenia
- Recurrent Spontaneous abortion

• APAs: Heterogenous group of Circulating autoantibodies Directed against -ve charged phospholipids

• Autoantibodies include:

- 1- anticardiolipin
- 2- lupus anticoagulant
- 3- Anti-B2 glycoprotein-1 Abs

These antibodies Don't Bind to phospholipids themselves But Bind to proteins that Bind to phospholipids  
     ↳ Cardiolipin  
     ↳ phosphatidylserine

• preliminary criteria for AS:

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Clinical criteria:

- Vascular Thrombosis  
(one or more episodes)
- Complication of pregnancy  
- one or more unexplained Deaths of normal fetus after 10 wks  
- one or more Premature Births of normal neonate Before 34 wks  
- 3 or more unexplained consecutive Spontaneous abortions Before 10<sup>th</sup> wk of gestation

(1 clinical + 1 lab)

Laboratory criteria

- Anticardiolipin Abs - IgG, IgM → at moderate or High level on one or more occasions at least 12 wks apart
- Lupus anticoagulants Abs 2 or more occasions at least 12 wks apart
- Anti-B2 glycoprotein-1 Abs IgG, IgM: 2 or more occasions at least 12 wks apart

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• Cutaneous manifestations of AS:

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- 1- Livedo reticularis
- 2- Acrocyanosis
- 3- Necrosis
- 4- Nodules
- 5- Ulceration
- 6- Capillarities
- 7- Splinter Hge
- 8- Hemorrhage
- 9- Digital Ischemia/gangrene
- 10- Raynaud's phenomenon
- 11- Blue toe
- 12- Porcelain white Scars
- 13- Purpuric Cyanotic Macules



## • Causes of 2ry AS:

### ↳ Autoimmune Disease:

- |       |                     |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1-SLE | 4-PM/DM             |
| 2-RA  | 5-Sjogren's         |
| 3-SS  | 6-Myasthenia gravis |

### ↳ Vasculitis Disease:

1. Temporal arteritis
2. Behcet Disease
3. Takayasu's Disease

### ↳ Infection:

Bacterial: TB, Syphilis, leprosy  
 Viral: HIV, Hepatitis - B, CMV  
 Protozoa: Pneumocystis Carinii

### ↳ Malignancy:

- Leukemia - paraproteinemia

### ↳ Hematologic:

- TTP - preincubous anemia
- polycythemia vera

### ↳ Drug associated:

- Hydralazine - Quinidine
- phenytoin - interferon
- Chlorpromazine

### ↳ Dialysis in Renal Failure

## • Mechanism of Action of APAs:

1- APAs → Bind to → phospholipid Binding plasma proteins



Causing → • interference in production + Release of Prostacyclin

→ • interference in Protein C + S pathway

→ • Activation of platelets By interaction in platelet membrane phospholipids [33]

→ • interference in Antithrombin III activity

→ interference in prekallikrein activation to kallikrein

→ interference in Endothelial plasminogen Release

→ interference in possible protective functions of proteins as: B2 glycoprotein - I, Annexin V

## • Catastrophic AP Syndrome:

- Multi-Organ failure (Renal + Respiratory)

- Precipitated By:

→ Surgical procedures

→ Drugs (sulfur containing Diuretics - Captopril - OCPs)

→ Discontinue of anticoagulant therapy

→ infection

## • Histopathology: Non-inflammatory Thrombosis < arteries > veins

## • Treatment:

1- Full anticoagulation → long term < 1ry APs [warfarin, Heparin] + Anti-Platelet agents < 2ry APs [mainstay of tht]

2- Systemic Corticosteroids + immunosuppressives - 2ry APs

3- Fibrinolytics, Plasma pheresis, Hydroxychloroquine, IVIG




## Relapsing Poly chondritis = other CTDs =

- D.F: Uncommon Inflammatory disorder  
Autoimmune Origin affect Cartilage
- Abs: - Anti-Type II Collagen <50%  
± anti-matrilin-1
- Affected Cartilage:
  - episodes of painful - Beefy Red Erythema
  - edema of Cartilaginous part of Ears
  - e time → Cartilage Destroyed  
[Cauliflower - floppy ears]
  - Nasal chondritis [saddle nose]
  - Respiratory involve [hoarseness]
  - migratory Arthralgia
  - ↓ Hearing [deafness - tinnitus]
  - Ocular \$
  - Associated e → Behcet \$  
→ myelodysplastic \$
- association: HLA - DR4
- Histology: perichondrial inflammation  
e Neutrophils, plasma cells, lymphocytes
- Mt: Oral Corticosteroids - MTX  
Dapsone - Azathioprine

## Sjogren's Syndrome

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- D.F: Autoimmune Disorder affect mainly Secretory and Lacrimal, Salivary gland glands
- associated e: HLA-B8, HLA DR3, HLA-DQ2
- Clinical:
  - most Common :-
    - Xerostomia
    - Xerophthalmia
    - arthritis
  - Cut manifestation :-
    - Xerosis - Petechiae - purpura (palpable nonpalpable)
    - Urticarial Vasculitis - Annular Erythema
- Complications:
  1. Extranodal lymphoma
  2. peripheral neuropathy
  3. Hearing Loss
- Labs: ↑ ESR  
+ve → RF, anti-Podrin, anti-RO, anti-La  
Leukopenia
- Histology:  Dense lymphocytic infiltrate → Surround Salivary glands
- treatment: Mainly: Supportive
  - artificial tears
  - Cyclosporine eye Drops
  - methylcellulose Drops (artificial saliva)



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## Magic Syndrome :

☺ Mouth + genital ulcers  
☺ e' inflamed Cartilage  
MAGIC

- antibodies to type II collagen
- Hx as Relapsing polychondritis

## Schirmer test :

- piece of "whatman paper wick" folded over lower eyelid
- For 5 minutes
- if aqueous level of tear film migrate < 5 mm → Lacrimal gland Dysfunction



## ★ Red Face :

- Connective Tissue : SLE, DM
- lymphoma - Flushing
- Rosacea - porphyria
- Dermatitis

## ★ +ve ANA :

- SLE and other CTD
- Phototherapy
- Vascular Disorder

## ★ paraneoplastic syndrome

- Dermatomyositis
- Bazex \$ - Bowen \$
- Bullous eruption
- Migratory erythema
- Erythroderma

## ★ periorbital :

- Dermatomyositis
- Amyloidosis
- Angioedema
- Atopic Dermatitis
- Hyalineosis Cutis
- milia
- Molluscum
- Kaposi Sarcoma

## ★ Nail manifestations :

- Scleroderma → pterygium inversa
- Dermatomyositis → Periungual Telangiectasia
- alopecia areata → pitting, thickening
- lichen planus → Ridging, Striation, pterygium
- psoriasis → pitting, oil Drops, onycholysis

## ★ Related to Renal Disease :

- SLE • Scleroderma
- Iry systemic amyloidosis - Neurofibromatosis
- Tuberous sclerosis

## ★ Skin Diseases of Breast - Nipple :

- Morphea
- Nipple eczema - paget's Disease - psoriasis
- Candidiasis - BCC - Bowen's Disease
- lupus mastitis - lupus panniculitis

## ★ Hypopigmented macules in Trunk :

- Morphea • Scarring DLE
- Tuberculoid leprosy - Tinea versicolor
- Nevus anaemicus - Nevus depigmentus
- Tuberous sclerosis - Albinism - vitiligo
- lichen sclerosis et atrophicus

## ★ Antibodies :

- Anti ds DNA = Native DNA = lupus Nephritis
- Anti - RNP = MCTD
- Anti - Smith = SLE
- Anti - Histone = Drug induced
- Anti - Ro - anti La = SCLF, Neonatal LE
- Terminal aminopeptidase procollagen Type 1 = Morphea
- Terminal aminopeptidase procollagen Type 3 = MTX

## Cutaneous manifestations of Rheumatoid arthritis :

1. Rheumatoid Nodules : - S.C. firm, over extensor surfaces area of Trauma or pressure
2. Pyoderma gangrenosum :
3. Small - medium sized vessel Vasculitis
4. Rheumatoid neutrophilic Dermatitis
5. Palisaded neutrophilic + granulomatous Dermatitis

## \* Cicatricial alopecia:

Congenital	Infection	CTD	Tumor
aplasia cutis	Kerion	DLE	BCC
Epidermal nevi	Favus	DM	SCC
porokeratosis	Leprosy	Morphea	Metastasis
	HZ		
	trichotrichia		

## \* Malar Rash:

- Lupus Erythematosus
- Granuloma faciale
- Contact Dermatitis
- Bloom's Syndrome
- Actinic prurigo

## \* Scales:

- DLE → adherent
- PVC → cigarette paper
- P. resaca → collarette
- PLC → mica scales
- Psoriasis → laminated silvery

## \* Hydropic degeneration of Basal cell layers :-

- DM
- DLE
- LP
- LSA

## \* Diseases healed By Scarring :-

- DLE
- Kerion
- EB
- LV
- Favus
- Ecthyma
- PCT

## \* Ectropion:

- DLE
- lamellar ecthyma
- lupus vulgaris



	DLE	SCLE
CP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well-defined erythematous, discoid plaques with adherent scales &amp; follicular plugging.</li> <li>- Healing → white, atrophic, non-contractile scar, slightly raised or hyperpigmented borders</li> <li>- Scarring alopecia</li> <li>- Sun exposed areas</li> <li>- MM, nail, eye affection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prominent photosensitive cutaneous lesions, non-scarring, papulosquamous or annular polycyclic lesions</li> <li>- Healing → grey-white hypopigmentation</li> <li>- Diffuse non-scarring alopecia</li> <li>- Photosensitivity 50%</li> <li>- Above the waist</li> </ul>
HP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Hyperkeratosis with keratotic plugging</li> <li>2- Atrophy of s.malpighii</li> <li>3- Hydropic degeneration of basal cell</li> <li>4- Thickening of BM</li> <li>5- Patchy perivascular/periadnexal lymphocytic infiltrate</li> <li>6- Edema, VD, ESR, colloid bodies in dermis</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Hyperkeratosis &amp; inflammatory infiltrate are less prominent</li> <li>2- Hydropic degeneration &amp; edema are more pronounced than DLE</li> </ol>
Lab	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- DIF: granular deposits of IgG at DEJ</li> <li>2- ESR ↑</li> <li>3- Leucopenia ↑</li> <li>4- +ve ANA in few cases</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- DIF: +ve 60%</li> <li>2- ANA: +ve 60-80%</li> <li>3- Circulating immune complexes</li> <li>4- Anti-Ro, Anti-La Ab</li> </ol>
ttt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Avoid PF</li> <li>2- Topical sunscreen &amp; steroid</li> <li>3- Intralesional steroid</li> <li>4- systemic: antimalarial- steroid Retinoid- thalidoamide- apnone</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Avoid PF</li> <li>2- Topical sunscreen &amp; steroid</li> <li>3- Systemic: antimalarial- steroid Retinoid- thalidoamide- apnone</li> </ol>



	<b>Scleroderma</b>	<b>scleredema</b>
	CT disease	Metabolic disease
Def	Multisystem disease may be localized to skin ( cutaneous sclerosis) or affects internal organs	Rapidly progressive, non-pitting edema& induration of skin
Types	1- Localized (morphea) 2- Systemic ( diffuse, limited)	1- Idiopathic 2- Diabetic
Site	Hand, face, trunk	Begins in face, extends to neck, trunk, extremities Sparing palm & sole
CP	Non-pitting edema in hand & feet can't be fully extended Face: edema & fibrosis	Non-pitting edema, indurated body, skin can't be wrinkled, mouth difficult to open
Raynaud's	+ve	-ve
Telangiectasia	+ve	-ve
Scl70	+ve	-ve
HP	Early: inflammatory infiltrate, collagen, mast cells Late: swollen collagen, fibroblast	Excessive dermal mucin, separated by swollen collagen fibers
Systemic affection	Common	Rare
ttt	Steroid Penicillamin PUVA Physiotherapy Plastic surgery	PUVA Cyclophosphamide Corticosteroid

	<b>scleroderma</b>	<b>Pseudoscleroderma</b>
Def	Multisystem disease may be localized to skin (cutaneous sclerosis) or affects internal organs	Diseases have scleroderma-like changes
Types or causes	1- Localized (morphea) 2- Systemic (diffuse, limited)	1- Genetic: proderia 2- Metabolic: PCT, amyloidosis 3- Paraneoplastic: carcinoid 4- GVHD 5- Acrodermatitis chronic atrophican 6- CT: SLE, DM, RA 7- Occupational & chemical: silicosis 8- Itrogenic: silica, Isoniazide
Raynaud's	+ve SS	-ve
Sclerodactyly	+ve SS	-ve
Acral lesions	+ve	-ve
Symmetry	symmetrical	asymmetrical
Sclerosis of skin	Edematous, sclerotic	Papules & nodules
Systemic affection	+ve SS	-ve
ANA	+ve	-ve
Sci 70 & anticentromere	+ve SS	-ve
Borrelia	+ve morphea	-ve except ACA
ttt	Steroid Penicillamin PUVA Physiotherapy Plastic surgery	Of the cause



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- 7- SCLE
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